



HEROES DAY 2010 PRESS CONFERENCE

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Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

I'm honored to be here this morning -- to be a part of celebrating the heroes who are with us today -- and those whose memories will ALWAYS be with us.

First responders – whether law enforcement agencies, fire fighters, EMT's, Border Patrol, US Forest Service – whomever they might be – share an uncommon bond in the commitment to the well-being of their fellow Arizonans.

They rush to the scene, not knowing what dangers await them, what sort of destruction might fall down upon them.

Yet, still they rush, following the faintest cry, searching for the trapped, the injured and the helpless.

As our friends and neighbors, these Arizonans confront danger every day as they protect our lives, homes, and communities.

They exemplify the very best of us, showing us what courage, service, and sacrifice look like in real life –

Captain Tony Gonzales -- Paramedics Karen Corcoran and Nick Romine -- And Sergeant Steve Hammons.

I'm pleased to proclaim today, September 14th, HEROES Day, to inspire us to salute and thank Arizona's First Responders for all they do for each of us.

The proclamation, reads – in part – Whereas M&I Bank and the UMC Foundation, along with other partners, have chosen to honor and thank the men and women serving our communities known as "first responders;"

And, Whereas, this recognition began in 2008 as a way to honor fallen Tucson Police Officer Erik Hite and provide support for Tucson law enforcement, but has now expanded to include all first responders;

and Whereas, what is now known as Heroes Day, is designed to recognize and thank these special individuals; now , therefore, I, Janice Brewer, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2010 as Heroes Day.

Thank you.